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SILICA-CONTAINING  
ARTICLE AND INHIBITING  
BREAKS DURING DRAWING  
OF OPTICAL FIBER, AND  
SILICA-CONTAINING  
ARTICLE PROTECTING  
AGAINST BREAK-INDUCING  
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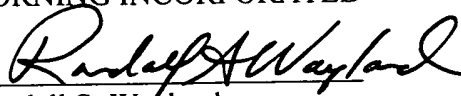
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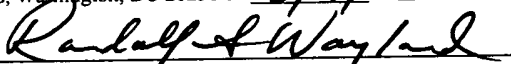
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